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Births.
BRENTNALL.—November 15, at her residence, Surry Hills, Mrs. A. G. Brentnall, of a daughter.
BROWN.—November 18, at her residence, Woodstock-Terrace, Paddington, the wife of W. W. Brown, of a daughter prematurely.
DELAY.—November 18, at her residence, Middle Harbour, the wife of Denis Delay, of twin sons, stillborn.
DEAN.—November 18, at her residence, Surry Hills, Mrs. Horbury Lightfoot, the wife of W. J. Horbury, jun., of a son.
FURNER.—November 18, at her residence, Concord, the wife of Charles H. Turner, of a son.

Marriages.

MOORE—HOLDSWORTH.—November 20, at St. James' Church, by the Rev. Canon Allwood, B.A., Julian, third of the Hon. Henry Moore, M.L.A., Burwood, and Edith, second daughter of Richard Holdsworth, Esq., Woodstock, Elizabeth Bay.

Deaths.

GOULD.—November 18, at his residence, Surry Hills, Mr. William Gould, aged 48.
HARVEY.—November 17, at Darlingshurst, Sydney, Annie D. Harvey, after a painful illness, born with Christian fortitude, aged 21.
MOORE.—November 20, at his residence, Coopers-street, Balmain, John Moore, drayman, after a short and painful illness, aged 46.
PEYTON.—November 19, at Newcastle, Augustus Sydney Thomas, the youngest beloved son of the Rev. John and Sarah Peyton, of St. Peters, near Sydney.
SAUNDERS.—November 20, at his residence, Mary-street, Petersham, Albert, third son of Charles and Emily Saunders, aged 20 years and 11 months; deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Company's steamship AVOCIA, 1428 tons, 250-horse power, will leave Sydney for MELBOURNE on TUESDAY, 26th November, at noon, in connection with the departure from that port of the Company's steamship SIAM.

SIAM.—November 20, at 11 a.m. November, 1878, for ADELAIDE, KING GEORGE'S SOUND, and GAIJE, with H. M. mails, passengers, cargo, and parcels, and for INDIA, MATRIKUT, JAYA, SINGAPORE, CHINA, JAPAN, and ETCHEGOYEN. The liberal reduction of passage money made in favour of families or large parties will be received until 1 p.m. on the 23rd, except 11 a.m. on 25th November.
For information on all subjects connected with the Company's various lines, apply to

H. H. MOORE, Agent, Thomas' Wharf, 18th October, 1878.
Passenger and freight pay AVOCIA, between Sydney and Melbourne, at local rates.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN MAIL STEAM COMPANY Limited, OVERLAND ROUTE, via TORONTO, Singapore, and Hongkong.

The E.M.S. will contract for the passage of all passengers, and for the steamer to Marseilles, per steamer of the Messageries Maritimes.

The Company's steamer carries passengers to BRISBANE and all Queensland ports.

CARGO will be received on WEDNESDAY, November 27, and up to 11 a.m. on 25th November.
All packages must be directed to PORT MARKET.

For rates of freight or passage, apply to

BRIGHT, BROTHERS, and CO., Agents, 52, Pitt-street.

November 1, 1878.

STEAM TO JAVA AND SINGAPORE.

THE NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract for the passage of passengers, will dispatch their first and second mail steamship.

ATEN.—1509 tons register, Captain C. W. C. Williams.

For COOKING ISLANDS, PORT DARWIN, SOUTHERN INDIA, and PORT MELBOURNE, 1509 tons register, Captain C. W. Williams.

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Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee and Manager Mr. Samuel Lazar
Stage Manager Mr. B. N. Jones
Manager for Mr. Reeve Mr. John Dryas.

THIS (Thursday) EVENING, November 21, 1878.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT BUT ONE
of
Mr. WYBERT REEVE,
CELEBRATED AUTHOR
and
ENGLISH MEDIAN,
in
HIS MASTERLY RENDERING
OF
COUNT FOSCO,
IN WILKIE COLLINS'S
GREAT DRAMA
WOMAN IN WHITE,
which
MUST BE WITHDRAWN
TO-MORROW NIGHT,
in consequence of the
DEPARTURE OF
MISS WYBERT REEVE,
and in order to give place to the Drama by
WILKIE COLLINS and WYBERT REEVE,
entitled
THE WOMAN IN WHITE.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.
Lessee M. Hegarty

TO-NIGHT, THURSDAY
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UNCLE TOM'S
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LAST NIGHT BUT ONE
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of
ORIGINAL GEORGIA MINSTRELS
Original Georgia Minstrels.

REMEMBER DEAR LITTLE EVA.

On SATURDAY next, November 23,
the popular and favorite actress

MISS CLARA STEPHENSON

JESSE BROWN in the RELENT OF LUCKNOW.

Admission, 2s, 2s, and 1s. Box plan at Nicholson and Aspin's. Pit and stall Tickets during day at E. R. Cole's.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Lessee M. Hegarty.

TWO GRAND BENEFITS,
TENDERED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE
ABOVE THEATRE.

THIS EVENING, THURSDAY, November 21,

for the Benefit of the
N. S. W. SEAMEN'S UNION,
ENDEAVOURING TO PREVENT
THE INFUX OF
CHINESE INTO OUR
TO THE DETERIMENT
OF EUROPEANS.
THE TWO LAST NIGHTS
UNCLE TOM'S CABIN
and
HICKS' GEORGIA MINSTRELS.
THE WORKING CLASS SHOULD SUPPORT
THIS CAUSE.

Admission—2s, 2s, and 1s.

To all who feel congenial in our cause.—

The Management of the Queen's have generously offered

their theatre on above dates for our use.

All should support us in our efforts.

G. F. POOLE,
Secretary, N. S. W. Seamen's Union.
SCHOOL OF ARTS, M. A. T. S.
FRANK D. WADE, Business Manager.
REVIVAL FOR A BRIEF PERIOD
of
GENUINE NEGRO MINSTRELS.
COMMENCING ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 23rd,
by CHAS. L. COOPER'S ORIGINAL
GEORGIA MINSTRELS.
Composed of MINSTRELS
GEORGIA of MINSTRELS
Twenty MINSTRELS
GEORGIA MINSTRELS
GEORGIA Artists. MINSTRELS
GEORGIA MINSTRELS

THE KING LATCHEW-MAKERS,

who WILL, for POSITIVELY A NUMBER OF
YEARS ON END,
PRESENT THE MUSICAL LOVERS OF SYDNEY,
A RARE SELECTION OF NEW AND CHASTE
RICH AND RACY.
MUSIC, WHIPPING, SPLITTING,
SIDE-SPLITTING
PROGRAMMES,
especially prepared for their last appearances in NEW
SOUTH WALES.

ALL THE OLD FAVOURITES RETAINED.

In the Drawing-room Entertainment will be introduced
NEW SONGS.

NEW FUNNYHIS by the FOLLY CORNER MEN.

Following this,
JUDSON CHURCH IN ECONOMY,
BILLY WILSON IN NEW SPECIALTIES,
The Post Original Comedies.
EASTON, BROWN, SANDERS, and KEENAN
in New Negro Eccentricities.
THE BIG BLACK FOUR
will once more shout.
The School of Arts, having just undergone a complete removal
and reconstruction, is now the most comfortable place of

amusement in the city.

POPULAR PRICES—2s, 2s, and 1s.

Box plan at Nicholson and Aspin's, where seats may be reserved without extra charge.

Doors open 7.15, curtain 8 sharp.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE AND PLACE,
SCHOOL OF ARTS,
SATURDAY, November 23,
GRAND OPENING NIGHT.

SYDNEY VOCAL HARMONIC SOCIETY.

NEXT SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT,
TUESDAY, December 17, at SCHOOL OF ARTS.

Selections from "Alexander's Feast," and miscellaneous pieces.

Rehearsal Monday next, St. James's Schoolroom.

E. B. DEBELLE, Secretary.

THE Exhibition—Open until 6 o'clock This Day, The
Royal Furnishing Arcade, George-street.
SYDNEY MUSICAL UNION—PRACTICE for Male
Chorus, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock. Orchestra at 9.

W. MULLER, Conductor.

MASONIC HALL.

A GRAND BAZAAR,
Under the distinguished management of the
Lady Bazaar Committee.
to raise funds for establishing a
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR FEMALE SERVANTS.

under the direction of Mr. J. J. O'Farrell, who will be open in the school-hall, on MONDAY, November 26th, 1878, by His Grace the Most Rev. ROGER BEDE VAUGHAN. The Hon. Lady Bazaar has very kindly signified her intention of being at the opening.

The Bazaar will continue during the week from 3 p.m. till 10 p.m. Admission, 1s.

FRANK D. KENNY, Hon. Sec.

BANQUET TO THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

A GRAND BANQUET to the AUSTRALIAN TEAM will be held at the CYCLOPS HOTEL, Pitt-street, on Friday, the 23rd NOVEMBER, at 6 o'clock, further particulars of which will appear in a future advertisement.

It is necessary that an APPLICATION be made for tickets, which will be validly closed on the full number, which the hall will accommodate shall have been disposed of.

Tickets (2s each) may be obtained at the Exchange; Messrs. Collier, Harris, and Co., Pitt-street; or from Shaw, George-street; Compagnon and Co., Pitt-street; or from Mr. W. Muller.

The Bazaar will continue during the week from 3 p.m. till 10 p.m.

Admission, 1s.

A great variety of useful and fancy articles to be disposed of at moderate prices.

A Sian will be furnished with Refreshments.

Musical Selections (Sewed and Sewular) will be rendered during each evening. Admission, 1s.

UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE—
MYRA, THE BODYLESS LADY,

which has created a great interest in London, is to be exhibited, for short time only, at Auld Beekie's Hotel, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, November 21, 1878.

President WALKER, Proprietor.

SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS

THE COURSE AND FIELD
CRICKET—Report of Matches

NOTICE—Square Leg.

AQUATICS, YACHTING, AND ROWING.

THE SYDNEY MAIL, Subscriptions to be paid quarterly, Publishing Office—Hunter-street, Sydney.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

THIS EVENING, THURSDAY,
LAST TWO NIGHTS
of
MR. EDMUND HOLLOWAY,
who will appear in the Great Sensational Drama
THE HOUSE OF PERIL;

THE SMUGGLERS OF SHANGAON!

Eugene Hamond Mr. Edmund Holloway
Barnaby Wildgoose Mr. Bland Holt
Dennis O'Hanlon Mr. George Carey
Pitney Mr. Harry Lester
Red Firelock Mr. W. J. Smith
Redman Mr. J. Tolano
Hairy Burp Miss May Vivian
Rose Miss May Vivian

ACT 1.
STREET IN DUBLIN.
Drawing-room at Lord Dunleary's.

The Flirt and her Lovers.
ROOK HAMMOND.
THE LOST LETTER.

Barnaby and Dennis settle their differences.

GOING DOWN.

THE DEPARTURE FOR AMERICA.

THE FLIRT'S REMOKE.

ACT 2.
BARNBY'S INN.

The Smuggler Chief! The Barnby Boys! Matrimonial Trials!

IRISH JIG.

THE SMUGGLERS CAVE.

Barnaby in danger.

ROOM AT HAMMOND'S.

ELLEN'S MANOR.

The Attack.

Heroin of Barnaby and Dennis, and defeat of the SMUGGLERS OF SHANGAON.

To conclude with the Force of
THEM OUT.

Nichodemus Nobbs Mr. Bland Holt

Exit plan at Barnby and Co's.

Carriage for 10.45 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

2s. 6d. 2s. 1s. and 6d.

GRAND DISTRIBUTION

of
CHRISTMAS GIFTS

cause a faulty decision that arose in such a case from neglect of inquiry and consideration.

The questions that are about to be thrust upon the attention of the Imperial Government by the "embassy" from Victoria are not of a character to be answered off-hand by the plea that they belong to party politics. They can only be answered rightly upon the basis of a clear understanding of the situation; and it is well, therefore, that the Legislative Council is engaged in the preparation of a statement of the facts for the information of the Imperial Government. The application for interference will be most unusual—probably without any colour of precedent. To grant it would be like the letting out of water. It would be the introduction of a practice that would lead to endless trouble and embroilment in those party conflicts which the Colonial Office abhors; and the end could not possibly be foreseen. Every Colonial Ministry that set its heart upon constitutional reform would be tempted to fly at the first check to England for aid. In view of almost certain consequences like these, the Imperial Government will be bound to satisfy itself as to the origin of this claim, and as to the existence or non-existence in the colony itself of sufficient means to dispose of the difficulties which it is asked to remove. Having heard what Mr. Berry and his colleagues have to say, the authorities at home will find in the Council's statement an effective reply, if the document should be substantially identical with the draft already published.

The statement begins with a concise narrative of the proceedings relating to constitutional reform which have been conducted during the session in both Houses. We learn from it that at the Conference, "it was insisted on behalf of the Assembly, first, that the Council should in no circumstances reject an Appropriation Bill; and, second, that all other bills passed by the Assembly and rejected by the Council, should, after a certain interval, notwithstanding that rejection, become law." To open a conference after this fashion, with a demand for an unconditional surrender, in place of suggestions that might have led to a compromise, was to convert the whole movement into a pretence. Of course the representatives of the Council could not accept such an ultimatum as this; and when the representatives of the Assembly declined to enter into their counter-proposals, the conference terminated without obtaining even a basis for negotiations. These facts are illustrative of the policy of the Government. It is to compel the Council to abandon its legal position by sheer force. As the statement points out, the Constitution Act has provided all necessary means for making such modifications in the Constitution as experience may suggest. The methods provided by the Constitution have not, however, been tried; and as the requisite pressure cannot otherwise be obtained, Mr. Berry, still adhering to the idea of compulsory force, goes to the Imperial Government. Why does the Council decline to yield to the Ministerial demands? Because the bill has not been reconsidered by the Assembly; because it has never been placed before the constituencies; because it involves, or tends to involve, legislation by one House only; because the Council is elected by and represents the thriving, industrious, and frugal classes of the community, and, so far as recent elections have shown, faithfully reflects the opinions of its constituents in decisively condemning the propositions of the Ministry. Why should the Imperial Government decline to initiate measures of coercion? Because, as before remarked, the Constitution Act makes all necessary provisions for change; and because the application will come simply through a delegation from one House of the Legislature, and that House divided in opinion as to the propriety of making it. That the Imperial Government might be set in motion where the Colonial Legislature was powerless, by the joint representations of both Houses, is conceivable. But that it should be stirred up to do the work of the Colonial Legislature at the instance of one branch of it, and against the will of the other branch, which is also a representative body, is a notion which the Council may well say, in the words of the statement, it does not entertain.

We have frequently remarked that the deadlocks which have occurred in the Legislature of Victoria have been brought about by the peculiar provision of the Constitution which deprives the Council of the power of altering money bills, while expressly conferring the power to reject them. This view is abundantly confirmed by the statement before us. No serious disagreement between the two Houses took place until 1865. But in that year, as in 1867, and again in 1877, questions of policy and principle were tackled to the Appropriation Act, and the Council, without attempting to assume any control over finance, was compelled either to reject the Appropriation Act, or to accept measures to which on political grounds it entertained an insuperable aversion. Instead of the Council encroaching upon the rights of the Assembly, the Assembly has in various ways encroached upon the statutory rights of the Council; and this provision of the Constitution has been made its instrument in doing so. In other colonies, and Legislatures where this restriction is unknown, deadlocks also are unknown; and the removal of it is desired by the Council, not for the purpose of gaining additional financial power, but for the purpose of getting rid of a temptation to encroachment on the part of the Assembly, which the possibility of misusing it presents. The Assembly seems to have acted upon the view that the Council should be bound to follow the practice of the House of Lords in never rejecting Appropriation Bills, but that the Assembly should not be bound by the practice of the House of Commons in confining such bills to their legitimate functions. If the Council could alter these bills, the motive for incorporating other matters with them would be destroyed.

The statement contains a successful reply to the charge that the Council has obstructed general legislation, except as to the question of making upon private property, in which the Assembly now confesses, its action has been for the public good. And, as tending to show that there are other ways open for procuring the more satisfactory working of the Constitution, it shows that the Council has been willing to have its structure founded upon a more popular basis, and that it has not received proper consideration—according to English precedents—either from the Governor or his advisers. The aggressive tendencies of

the Assembly might have been restrained had the Governor used his powers. And if the Council had been represented as the House of Lords is in the Ministry, open conflict between the two Houses might have been prevented. It is well that these and other points should be pressed upon the notice of the SECRETARY OF STATE. Constitutional Government has been established in these colonies, and any difficulties arising under it should be cured by constitutional, not revolutionary methods. Certainly it is not for the SECRETARY OF STATE to be called in as a revolutionary agent when constitutional expedients remain untried.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

In reply to a question put by Mr. John Davies in the Legislative Assembly last night, Mr. Sutherland said arrangements had been completed for lighting railway carriage with gas, and it was expected trains so lighted would be run during and after January next.

In the Legislative Assembly last night, Mr. Sutherland laid on the table plans, sections, and book of reference in connection with the railway from June to Narrandera.

The case of the Queen's Cravashaw and wife, for arson at Bowes, was concluded last evening, after a lengthy trial extending over two days. The address of the court occupied upwards of four hours, and the summing up of the Judge upwards of two. The greatest interest was manifested in the course of the trial, which in many respects was a very popular one. Mrs. Cravashaw maintained her self-possession throughout the trial; but when the jury retired she completely gave way, and when the sentence of death was pronounced, though merely formal, she swooned away. His Honor of course stated that there was probability of the sentence being carried out, and as far as imprisonment was concerned, he should recommend a considerable diminution, but the law gave him no alternative but to pass the sentence of death. The Court was crowded during the protracted hearing of the case, and the greatest interest evinced in the result, owing to the respectable position of the accused parties.

The sale of the Woodstock herd of Shorthorns will commence to-day at Mr. Kies's saleroom, Pitt-street, at 11 a.m. During the sale the principal lots which will be offered will be on view, and have attracted the attention of many leading breeders. The females in first-class order, and the young bulls in fair travelling condition. To-morrow Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Davis will sell Shorthorn and Devon bulls at Ellis' Yards.

A meeting, convened at the instance of residents of Newtown by the Mayor of that borough, will be held in the Town Hall, Newtown, this evening, with the effects of a blow on the side of the head with a stone, it appears that the child had been struck by a girl named Catharine Hughes outside St. Andrew's Presbyterian School, in Kent-street, when Hughes, a stone at her, striking the child on the side of the head, and rendering her insensible. Dr. Mansfield, who admitted her, stated that the blow had caused concussion of the brain.

The second anniversary of the induction of the Rev. T. J. Curtis to the pastoral charge of the Redfern and Waterloo Presbyterian Church was celebrated at the temporary church, Regent-street, South, on Tuesday evening, in a public meeting. A crowded audience attended at the meeting. Mr. T. Walker occupied the chair, and a hymn was sung, and Dr. Mansfield will sell Shorthorn and Devon bulls at Ellis' Yards.

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The first cake of gold from Barmedman reef has reached town, and weighs 55 ounces. It is the result of 124 tons. This is not considered a fair criterion of the value of the reef, as the machine works unassisted, and a large quantity of gold is found in the tailings.

William Hayes was to-day fined £20 by the Police Magistrate and sentenced to three months' imprisonment for selling spirits at a booth on a racecourse, the license for which was not properly transferred. The sentence was much commuted upon, and considered excessively severe.

IN VEDEL.

A great trial of reapers and binders at Farnhill, the residence of Mr. R. L. Murray, is to take place next Tuesday, and is causing excitement here. A number of Sydney gentlemen are expected.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. J. F. Garrick, Minister for Lands, has been elected for East Moreton. Mr. Perkins for Ashbury, and Mr. Horwitz for Warwick.

It has been resolved to wind-up the Mount Goothard Copper Company.

A European shot a Chinaman dead near Stewart Town, yesterday, during a mining dispute. He surrendered himself to the police.

The temperature to-day was 97 in the shade.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

In the Legislative Assembly, last night, Mr. Murray renewed his effort on behalf of the Council in regard to the Reform Bill; and Mr. Berry said that if he could receive an assurance he would hold his hand even if he had taken his passage and gone on shipboard, and would call Parliament together for an extra session; but it is not likely that 16 members of Council will give any written assurance on the subject. Those in Council favourable will meet to-day, to consider what, if anything, can be done to avoid the Embargo. A scene occurred between Mr. Purves and Mr. Berry. The former said to the Chief Secretary, "We are to give you a sixpence for a sixpence." Mr. Berry said, "I am not so poor as to be compelled to give you a sixpence." The two men then went to the bar, and had a friendly conversation.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE SCOTS CHURCH.

DRINKING NURSERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—In reply to Mr. F. Mackellar's injurious article, in your paper, I beg to call your attention to the following extract from the "Argus" of yesterday, with reference to a paper "which will be calculated, &c., &c., with the view of collecting subscriptions to aid in defraying the expense of disengaging the church on the occasion of the removal of the late Dr. Lang." It may perhaps be of interest to you that, according to your column, that such a subscription list was forwarded to Mr. Gould by the Committee of Management of the Scots Church, Church-street, and has been already largely subscribed to by its members.

It is to be observed that the amount taken half as much trouble to inquire into this matter as he does to keep his name in the public eye. The Lang family before the public, he could easily have ascertained all about the above without dragging the Church masters into your columns.

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Sir.—Several letters, having appeared in your valuable column relating to drunkenness, called to my attention to the Parochial Association. The report consisted of songs, duets, glee, recitations, and one or two instrumental solos, all of which were rendered to the satisfaction of a numerous audience. Professor Stanley acted as accompanist. The proceeds of the concert were to be devoted to the fund for the purchase of school pines.

The eleventh annual general meeting of the Civil Service Musical Society was held in St. James's Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last; Mr. Thomas Richards, vice-president, in the chair. The report and balance-sheet were read by the hon. secretary, Mr. S. M. Mowle. The report stated that the society was never in a more flourishing condition, that it had given its concerts within the guaranteed time, and that the committee had added to their extensive library selections from "Lucia" and "Le Sonambula." Mr. Callen, the conductor, was specially mentioned for his indefatigable labours on behalf of the society; Mr. Foster, as the accompanist; and the ladies of the choir, for their untiring exertions to make every concert a success. The incidental music, however, after paying off all liabilities, showed a credit of £2 16s. 8d. The society had received £100, irrespective of its members. The following day, Mr. Callen, the conductor, was declared office-bearer for the year 1878-79. Mr. Thomas Richards, president, and Mr. Alexander Bennett, George Bishop, R. L. Kame, H. W. Gillam, Alexander Johnson, John McDonald, A. W. Munday, S. M. Mowle, and Andrew Mowle. A special vote of thanks on motion of Mr. Gillam, was accorded to the hon. sec., Mr. S. M. Mowle, for the interest he had taken in and for all he had done for the society since its formation. A vote of thanks was accorded by association to the president for his conduct in the chair.

The following is a return of tins of tea received at Morphett from Tanworth, for the week ending 11th November.—22 tons 3 cwt. The following is a return of copper ore and regulus received at Redfern Station, for the week ending November 9.—16 tons 18 cwt. 2 qrs.; 7th, Goulburn, 2005 ingots copper, 3 tons; 7th, Orange, 21 pieces copper, 2 tons; 8th, Bowral, 1472 ingots copper, 9 tons 6 cwt.; 10th, 29 tons 5 cwt. 2 qrs.

The London "Graphic" of 28th September, contains some fine views of the active volcanic island in

New Zealand, known as Sulphur, or White Island, the property of Judge Wilson and Mr. F. H. Troup. The drawings are taken from photographs by Collie, of Gregory, secretary.

The next concert by members of the Sydney Vocal Harmonic Society is to be given at the School of Arts on the 17th proximo, when selections from "Alexander's Feast" will form a part of the programme, the remainder to be a miscellaneous collection of vocal and instrumental music, all of a secular character. The practice on Monday evening last was well-attended, and efforts are being made by the conductor and organist to have a large attendance of the chorus performers on Monday next.

The annual meeting of the Redfern Congregational Sunday-school was held on Tuesday evening, the Rev. W. Slater, the pastor of the church, presiding. A very satisfactory report was read, and the meeting was addressed on Sunday-school topics by the Revs. S. Savage, J. P. Sutherland, J. Kimberley, T. S. Forrest, and J. Warlow Davies.

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